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## TOWN OF CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY



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Meeting on August 13, 2020, 7:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board Members	Town Council Liaison	Staff	Guests
Tim Turner (Chair)	Sammy Slade	Laura Janway	Namdi Brandon (EAB Applicant)
MariaJulia Echart	Randee Haven-O'Donnell		Sharon Bagatell
Alfonso Blanco			Donald Addu
Kathy Kaufman			Philip Semanchuk
Chrissie Schalkoff			Norma Safransky
			Bill Ward

Note: Absent/Excused: None

### **Call to Order, Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Turner.

### **Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2020 Meeting**

Kaufman motioned to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded by Schalkoff.

**AYES: (5) Echart, Blanco, Schalkoff, Kaufman, Turner; NAYES: (0)**

### **Consideration of Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act Resolution**

As a follow-up to the June 10, 2020 EAB meeting, the Citizens' Climate Lobby present a resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The Citizens' Climate Lobby requested that the EAB recommend this resolution to the Town Council for approval. Donald Addu from the Citizens' Climate Lobby provided an overview of the bill and described why the Citizens' Climate Lobby felt this was an effective solution to reduce emissions and help U.S. residents and the economy.

Kaufman presented her document strongly recommending that the EAB not pass the resolution. She described why she felt that Carrboro's statement on climate policy should include a more comprehensive climate program, such as a Green New Deal. She also expressed concerns about the limits this bill put on carbon regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency. EAB members asked questions about the price of carbon and whether the legislation accounted for the disproportionate racial impacts of climate. Town Council Member Haven-O'Donnell asked whether the legislation considered the COVID-19 economy.

Chair Turner asked for a motion to recommend the resolution to the Town Council for approval. No EAB member came forward with a motion and the resolution was not recommended to the Town Council.

Chair Turner thanked the Citizens' Climate Lobby for attending the meeting and stated that the EAB agreed with the goals of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act but felt it was not the approach needed at this time.

### **Create Climate Advisory Board Work Plan**

EAB members worked on the Climate Advisory Board Work Plan using an organizational template provided by Town Council Member Randee-Haven-O'Donnell. The EAB members discussed how the Climate Advisory Board would provide input in conjunction with the FY20-21 Sustainability Work Plan.

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### **EAB EV Ready Requirements Petition Introduction for New Members and Status Update**

Staff member Janway and Chair Turner introduced the EAB's Ready Requirements Petition to new members. Staff member Janway updated the EAB members that the petition was currently under review by the Town Attorney. After review, the next steps for staff will be to draft an ordinance with these requirements.

### **Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Blanco and seconded by Kaufman, with all members voting in favor. **AYES: (5), Blanco, Turner, Schalkoff, Echart, Kaufman; NAYES: (0).** The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.